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ELIM MAN INDICTED FOR BEING A FELON IN POSSESSION OF A FIREARM

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced today, May 23, 2008, that Kyle Jemewouk, of Elim, Alaska, was indicted by a federal grand jury in Anchorage on a charge of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The two-count indictment named Jemewouk, age 23, of 7416 E 20th Avenue in Elim, as the sole defendant.

According to the indictment, Jemewouk, who has convictions for first-degree and second-degree assault, was found in possession of a 30-06 rifle and ammunition on January 7, 2008.

Assistant United States Attorney Andrea Steward, who presented the case to the grand jury, indicated that the law provides for a maximum total sentence of 10 years in prison, a fine of \$250,000, or both. Under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, the actual sentence imposed will be based upon the seriousness of the offense and the prior criminal history, if any, of the defendant. Jemewouk is currently in state custody on another matter.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the Alaska State Troopers conducted the investigation leading to the indictment in this case.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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